

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended). An assembly comprising, in combination:

a fixed shower;

a hose ~~of an adjustable shower~~; and

a control valve comprising: a body having a water inlet defined at a first end of the body, a first water outlet defined at a second end of the body, a second water outlet defined at a middle portion of the body, and a chamber in communication with the water inlet, the first water outlet and the second water outlet, with the chamber and the second water outlet each located intermediate the water inlet and the first water outlet ~~and extending substantially downward from the body~~, with the water inlet adapted to be connected to a ~~horizontal~~ water supply pipe, with the fixed shower connected to the first water outlet ~~and extending substantially downward therefrom~~, with the hose ~~of the adjustable shower~~ connected to the second water outlet; and

a handling rod ~~substantially~~ extending ~~downwards~~ from ~~a bottom of~~ the body, the handling rod having an inner end received in the chamber, a valve core formed at the inner end and threadingly mounted in the chamber, and an outer end extending out from the chamber, whereby, the handling rod can be turned to alternatively communicate the water inlet with the first water outlet and the second water outlet, with the water inlet in fluid communication with the chamber intermediate the first water outlet and the second water outlet, with the valve core including a valve seal locatable in the first chamber between first and second positions, with the valve seal in the first position sealing the chamber between the water inlet and the second water outlet to communicate the water inlet with the first water outlet and prevent communication between the second water outlet and the first water outlet and the water inlet, with the valve seal in the second position sealing the chamber between the water inlet and the first water outlet to communicate the water inlet with the second water outlet and prevent communication between the first water outlet and the water inlet and the second water outlet.

Claim 2 (original): The control valve as claimed in claim 1, wherein the handling rod has a knob mounted on the outer end thereof.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The control valve as claimed in claim 1, wherein the valve core has a plurality of O-rings provided outside an upper portion thereof, and an external thread formed at an outer periphery of a lower portion thereof; and the chamber has an internal thread formed at a lower portion thereof and engaged with the external thread to threadingly mount the valve core in the chamber, **with an upper one of the plurality of O-rings comprising the valve seal.**

Claim 4 (original): The control valve as claimed in claim 1, wherein a cover is mounted at a bottom of the chamber and the handling rod extends out from the cover.

Claim 5 (new): The control valve as claimed in claim 4, wherein the first water outlet extends substantially downward from the body, with the fixed shower extending substantially downward from the first water outlet, with the handling rod extending substantially downward from a bottom of the body, with the water inlet adapted to be connected to a horizontal water supply pipe.

Claim 6 (new): The control valve as claimed in claim 3, wherein the first water outlet extends substantially downward from the body, with the fixed shower extending substantially downward from the first water outlet, with the handling rod extending substantially downward from a bottom of the body, with the water inlet adapted to be connected to a horizontal water supply pipe.

Claim 7 (new): The control valve as claimed in claim 2, wherein the first water outlet extends substantially downward from the body, with the fixed shower extending substantially downward from the first water outlet, with the handling rod extending substantially downward from a bottom of the body, with the water inlet adapted to be connected to a horizontal water supply pipe.

Claim 8 (new): The control valve as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first water outlet extends substantially downward from the body, with the fixed shower extending substantially downward from the first water outlet, with the handling rod extending substantially downward from a bottom of the body, with the water inlet adapted to be connected to a horizontal water supply pipe.